



Special Council meeting

Minutes

Date: November 25, 2024
Time: 9:31 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers Level 2, City Hall

Members Present: Kelvin Galbraith, Lisa Kearns, Rory Nisan, Shawna Stolte, Paul Sharman, Angelo Bentivegna (Chair)

Member Regrets: Mayor Marianne Meed Ward

Staff Present: Hassaan Basit, Kerry Davren, Sue Evfremidis, Scott Hamilton, Blake Hurley, Craig Millar, Jacqueline Johnson, Lori Jivan, David Thompson (Audio/Video Specialist), Richard Bellemare (Audio/Video Specialist), Debbie Hordyk, Lisa Palermo (Deputy Clerk)

Note: This City Council meeting was conducted using a hybrid model, allowing members of Council, city staff and delegations the option of participating remotely or in-person.

- 1. Call to Order:**
- 2. Land Acknowledgement:**
- 3. Roll Call:**
- 4. Approval of the Agenda:**

Moved by: Councillor Sharman
Seconded by: Councillor Stolte

Approve the Special Council agenda for Monday, November 25, 2024 as presented.

IN FAVOUR: (6): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (6 to 0)

5. Declarations of Interest:

None

6. Presentations:

None

7. Delegations:

7.1 Anthony Salemi representing West End Home Builder's Association spoke regarding 2025 Budget review (F-38-24)

7.2 Eric Stern spoke representing Burlington Residents Action Group (BRAG) regarding 2025 Budget Review (F-38-24)

7.3 Anne and Dave Marsden spoke regarding 2025 Budget Review (F-38-24)

8. Petitions:

8.1 Petition titled Stop the 7.5% Burlington Property Tax Increase for 2025 regarding the 2025 Budget review (F-38-24)

Lisa Palermo, Deputy Clerk read the petition into the record.

9. Items to be considered at the Special Meeting of Council:

9.1 2025 Budget review (F-38-24)

Note: members requested that each paragraph in this motion be voted on separately.

Endorse the 2025 Operating Budget including any approved budget amendments to be applied against the proposed net tax levy amount of \$264,343,845; and

IN FAVOUR: (2): Councillor Galbraith, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (4): Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

LOST (2 to 4)

Endorse that any surplus or deficit resulting from a difference between the actual results and the estimated 0.75% City portion of the net assessment growth be transferred to / from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

IN FAVOUR: (6): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Endorse the 2025 Capital Budget for the City of Burlington, with a gross amount of \$105,425,263 with a debenture requirement of \$8,950,000, and the 2026-2034 capital forecast with a gross amount of \$994,403,942 with a debenture requirement of \$30,179,850 as outlined in the 2025 Budget Overview (F-36-24) and as amended by Council; and

IN FAVOUR: (3): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

OPPOSED: (3): Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, and Councillor Stolte

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

LOST (3 to 3)

Administer the debenture in the amount of \$8,950,000 in 2025 as tax supported debt; and

IN FAVOUR: (6): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Declare that, in accordance with s. 5(1)5 of the Development Charges Act, 1997 and s. 5 of Ontario Regulation 82/98, it is Council's clear intention that the excess capacity provided by the above-referenced works will be paid for by future development charges.

IN FAVOUR: (6): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (6 to 0)

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Sharman

Approve the budget amendments as reviewed at the Budget Committee meeting of November 18, 2024.

IN FAVOUR: (5): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, and Councillor Sharman

OPPOSED: (1): Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (5 to 1)

Moved by: Councillor Kearns

Seconded by: Councillor Nisan

Remove paragraph one and three of the main motion.

IN FAVOUR: (2): Councillor Kearns, and Councillor Nisan

OPPOSED: (4): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

LOST (2 to 4)

10. Confidential Items and Closed Session:

None

11. Rise and Report

None

12. Motion to Receive and File Information Items:

Moved by: Councillor Nisan

Seconded by: Councillor Stolte

Receive and file information items, having been considered by Council:

CARRIED

- 12.1 Correspondence from Eric Stern on behalf of Burlington Residents Action Group (BRAG) regarding 2025 Budget review and approval (F-38-24)
- 12.2 Delegation notes from Anne and Dave Marsden regarding 2025 Budget review (F-38-24)
- 12.3 Delegation notes from Anthony Salemi representing West End Home Builder's Association regarding 2025 Budget Review (F-38-24)

13. Motion to Confirm Proceedings of the Council Meeting:

Moved by: Councillor Stolte

Seconded by: Councillor Kearns

Enact and pass By-law Number 72-2024 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Special Council at its meeting held Monday, November 25, 2024 being read a first, second and third time.

IN FAVOUR: (6): Councillor Galbraith, Councillor Kearns, Councillor Nisan, Councillor Stolte, Councillor Sharman, and Councillor Bentivegna (Chair)

Absent (1): Mayor Meed Ward

CARRIED (6 to 0)

14. Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Councillor Sharman

Seconded by: Councillor Galbraith

10:20 a.m. (recess), 10:34 a.m. (reconvene)

Adjourn this Council now to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

11:08 a.m.

CARRIED

Lisa Palermo

Deputy Clerk

Angelo Bentivegna

Deputy Mayor